

**Official****Facsimile**

To: Examiner M. Smithers, Art Unit: 2134  
Fax No.: (703) 746-7238  
From: Thomas F. Presson  
Date: July 11, 2003  
Subject: Serial No.: 08/886,516  
Pages: 7 (including this cover)

Pitney Bowes Inc.

Corporate Counsel  
Intellectual Property & Technology Law  
35 Waterview Drive  
P.O. Box 3000  
Shelton, CT 06484-8000

203-924-3845  
203-924-3919 Fax  
Thomas.Presson@pb.com  
www.pitneybowes.com

Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No.: 08/886,516  
Our Docket # E-621

Enclosed please find a response to the Office Action mailed May 12, 2003 in regards to the above referenced application.

**CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that the following correspondence is being transmitted  
via facsimile to:

Patent and Trademark Office  
Attention: Examiner M. Smithers, Group Art Unit: 2134  
Facsimile No. (703) 746-7238

1. Amendment Transmittal form (1 page); and
2. Response to May 12, 2003 Office Action (5 pages).

on July 11, 2003  
Date of Transmission

Thomas Presson  
Name of Rep.

Thomas F. Presson  
Signature

July 11, 2003  
Date

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****Official**

In re patent application of: ) Attorney Docket No.: E-621  
 William Berson, et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2134  
 Serial No.: 08/886,516 ) Confirmation No.: 8901  
 Filed: July 1, 1997 ) Date: July 11, 2003  
 Title: METHOD FOR PREVENTING COUNTERFEITING OF ARTICLES OF  
 MANUFACTURE

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. BOX 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

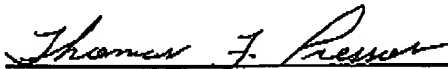
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	-	Highest Number Previously Paid For	=	Number of Extra Claims Present	X	Rate	=	Additional Fee
Total Claims	6	-	20	=	0	X	\$18.00	=	0.00
Independent Claims	1	-	3	=	0	X	\$84.00	=	0.00
<b>TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT</b>									<b>0.00</b>

No additional fee is required.

Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account Number  
**16-1885.**

  
 Thomas F. Presson  
 Reg. No. 41,442  
 Attorney of Record  
 Telephone (203) 924-3845

PITNEY BOWES INC.  
 Intellectual Property and  
 Technology Law Department  
 35 Waterview Drive  
 P.O. Box 3000  
 Shelton, CT 06484-8000

**CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile to:  
 Patent and Trademark Office  
 Attention: Smithers, Matthew, Patent Examiner  
 Facsimile No. : (703) 746-7238

on July 11, 2003  
 Date of Transmission

Thomas Presson  
 Name of Representative

  
 Signature

July 11, 2003  
 Date

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re patent application of:

Berson et al.

Serial No.: 08/886,516

Filed: July 1, 1997

) Attorney Docket No.: E-621

) Customer No.:



) 00919

) PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

) Examiner: M. Smithers

) Group Art Unit: 2134

) Date: July 11, 2003

) Confirmation No.: 8901



Title: METHOD FOR PREVENTING COUNTERFEITING OF ARTICLES OF  
MANUFACTURE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. BOX 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116**

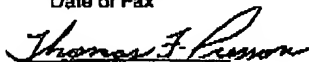
Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 12, 2003, having a  
three-month statutory period for response set to expire on August 12, 2003, the  
Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-captioned application as  
follows.

**CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being faxed to the United States Patent and  
Trademark Office, fax no. 703-746-7238,

on July 11, 2003  
Date of Fax

  
Signature

Thomas Presson  
Name of Rep.

July 11, 2003  
Date